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In re Application of : DECISION ON

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Application No.: 10/574,991 PCT No.: PCT/US2004/030170

Int. Filing Date: 15 September 2004 : PETITION UNDER

Priority Date: 17 September 2003

Attorney's Docket No.: RU271

For: ATMOSPHERIC TURBULENCE HAZARD

DETECTOR : 37 CFR 1.137(b)

This decision is in response to applicants' "PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION FOR PATENT DESIGNATING THE U.S. ABANDONED UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.137(b)," filed on 08 April 2006. The required fee of \$130.00 (the surcharge under 1.492(h) for late filing of the executed declaration) has not been filed.

## **BACKGROUND**

On 15 September 2004, this international application was filed, claiming an earliest priority date of 17 September 2003.

The deadline for paying the basic national fee in the United States under 35 U.S.C. 371 and 37 CFR 1.495 was 17 March 2006. This international application became abandoned with respect to the United States at midnight on 17 March 2006 for failure to pay the required basic national fee.

On 08 April 2006, applicants filed the instant petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) and Transmittal letter for entry into the national stage in the United States, which was accompanied by the basic national fee and the petition fee.

## **DISCUSSION**

A grantable petition to revive an abandoned application under 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by (1) the required reply, unless previously filed. In a nonprovisional application abandoned for failure to prosecute, the required reply may be met by the filing of a continuing application; (2) the petition fee as set forth in § 1.17(m); and (3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to this paragraph was unintentional. The Commissioner may require additional

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information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional; and (4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in § 1.20 (d)) required pursuant to paragraph (c) of this section.

Petitioner has provided: (1) the proper reply by submitting the basic national filing fee, (2) the petition fee set forth in §1.17(m) and (3) the proper statement under 137(b)(3). In this application, no terminal disclaimer is required.

Accordingly, the petition is deemed to satisfy requirements (1), (2), (3), and (4) under 37 CFR 1.137(b).

## **DECISION**

The petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) is **GRANTED**.

This application is being returned to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) for continued processing

The executed declaration cannot be accepted at this time because the payment of the surcharge set forth in § 1.492(h) is required for acceptance of any of the search fee, the examination fee, or the oath or declaration of the inventor after the date of the commencement of the national stage (§ 1.491(a)). See 37 CFR 1.495(c)(3).

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